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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/718,576	<b>Applicant(s)</b> PARK, HYUNCHEOL	
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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 January 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 24 November 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
     Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
     Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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**DETAILED ACTION**

**Response to RCE**

1. Claims 1-15 are presented for examination.
2. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed on 1/19/2007 in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 18 January 2007 has been entered, a non-final office action is as follows
3. Claims 1-4,8,15 have been amended [1/19/2007].
4. Examiner acknowledges applicant's response filed on 10/3/2006.

***Drawings***

5. The Drawings filed on 11/24/2003 are acceptable for examination purpose

***Information Disclosure Statement***

6. The information disclosure statement filed on 8/12/2004, 6/30/2005 is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97, and has been considered and a copy is enclosed with this Office Action.

**Priority**

7. Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for foreign priority based on Korean Patent Application No. 10-2003-0007725 filed on 7 February 2003 under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), the certified copy has been filed with the Application No. 10/718,576, filed on November 24, 2003.

**Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112**

8. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

**9. Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.**

10. The metes and bound of the system steps of claim 1 are unclear. The steps of "an emotion map for allowing....."; "an emotion/condition analysis module....." are indefinite as they lack concrete active limitations as to how the steps are to be accomplished. One of skill in the art would not be able to determine what exactly must be done to accomplish the goal of the preamble. It is unclear how the "emotion/condition analysis" is being done.

11. The limitation of claim 2 does not appear to further limit the system of claim 1. It is unclear what is meant by "emotion map process"

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12. It is unclear where to add the limitations of claim 3 to the system of claim 1. It is unclear what is meant by "emotion and condition information" by this limitation. Claim 1 recites "emotion/condition".

13. In claim 4, it is unclear what "user's emotion and condition information".....?. claim 1, recites "emotion/condition".

14. The steps of claim 5 do not meet the goal of the preamble of the independent claim 1. Claim 5 appears circular in nature. One must question the "emotion/condition analysis module" based on "proximity degree of the coordinate values. What is "proximity degree of the coordinate values"? How is the "predetermined range based on the proximity degree measured"?

15. Claims 6-7 each depend from claim 5 and contain the same problems.

16. In claim 8, it is unclear what is meant by "determining one of a similarity and difference among the users....predetermined information axes"?

17. In claim 9, it is unclear what is meant by "predetermined coordinate values and information on generation of the events"

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18. In claim 10, it is unclear what is meant by "generating events specified previously in accordance with an attribute..." How does one identifies "attribute of a group"?

19. In claim 11, how is "sensor " carried out?. It is unclear which "neighboring environment information measured". Claim 8 recites simply "a community service providing method". The limitation lacks positive active steps to be taken in "measured by a sensor".

Claims 12-15 depend from claim 8 and contain above problems and lacks positive active steps to be taken in the communication service users.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

20. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

***21. Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Hamamoto et al. [hereafter Hamamoto], US Pub.No. 2002/0105427 filed on July 16, 2001, and published on Aug 8, 2002.***

22. As to claim 1, Hamamoto teaches a system which including 'a community service providing system for providing communication services and events through a wired/wireless network' [Abstract, page 2, col 2, 0035, 0037], Hamamoto is directed to communication apparatus that not only receives information related to feeling or emotions a physical condition, and surroundings of the sender, but also transmits data for example sound data or image data [physical data of surroundings], particularly communication is "bi-directional" for example using cellular phone as detailed in page 2, col 2, 0035, 0037, fig 1;

'an input section through which one of emotion and condition information of communication service users is input' [page 2, col 1, 0034, line 1-4, col 2, 0039], Hamamoto specifically teaches communication apparatus allows users to input sound data, image data related to user's feelings or emotions and state of surrounds based on

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sound data, facial expressions movement of body, posture and like as detailed in page 2, 0039, fig 3;

'an emotion map for allowing said one of emotion and condition information of the users of the communication service to be represented as coordinate values on the basis of predetermined information axes' [page 3, col 1, 0044, col 2, 0049, fig 9 through 14], Hamamoto specifically teaches "emotion map" corresponds to fig 10 though 13 related to emotion and condition information for example pleasant and unpleasant, happy, angry, sad, and like particularly displayed parameter 1 on the axis of ordinate indicates "strength and weakness of emotions for example "stronger in positive direction", similarly parameter 2 on the axis of abscissa indicates "pleasant and unpleasant [more pleasant in positive direction] as detailed in page 3, col 2, 0049, fig 10-13;

'an emotion/condition analysis module for generating events corresponding to said one of the emotion and condition information of the users of the communication service based on the emotion map' [page 2, col 1, 0034, line 5-9, page 3, col 2, 0050], Hamamoto specifically teaches emotion/condition analysis module that analyses , extracts, and estimates data indicative of physical, emotional data such as mental state and physiological conditions of the user, further, graph indicating the emotions as detailed in fig 12 with respect to specific parameter or event;

an output section which provides said generated events to said communication service users' [fig 10-13, page 3, 0049-0050], Hamamoto specifically teaches displaying emotions with respect to parameters or events as detailed in fig 10-13.



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23. As to claim 2, Hamamoto disclosed 'wherein said output section transmits one of the emotion map processed through the emotion/condition analysis module and information related to the generation of events to the communication service users' [page 4, col 1, 0059-0060], Hamamoto specifically teaches displaying "emotions" based on physical data of surroundings analyzer element 14 of the receiver 13 as detailed.

24. As to claim 3, Hamamoto disclosed 'wherein the input section maps said one of the emotion and condition information of the communication service users into the emotion map' [page 3, col 1, 0042].

25. As to claim 4, 9, 15, Hamamoto disclosed 'wherein the emotion map allows one of a user's emotion and condition information to be represented as coordinate values based on the predetermined information axes to indicate a predetermined emotion defined by the communication service users' [page 3, col 1, 0044, col 2, 0050, fig 11-12].

26. As to claim 5, Hamamoto disclosed 'a coordinate value comparing unit for measuring a proximity degree of the coordinate values represented on the emotion map, corresponding to said one of the emotion and condition information of the communication service users input through the input section' [page 5, col 1, 0071];

'a coordinate value determining unit for determining at least one of a similarity

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and a difference between said coordinate values within a predetermined range based on the proximity degree measured by the coordinate value comparing unit' [page 5, col 1, 0072];

'an event generating unit for generating corresponding events in response to a control signal generated by the coordinate value determining unit' [page 5, col 1, 0074, col 2, 0075].

27. As to claim 6, Hamamoto disclosed 'wherein said at least one of the similarity and difference is determined using one of the proximity degree and relative distance between the coordinate values measured by the coordinate value comparing unit' [page 5, col 2, 0077].

28. As to claim 7, Hamamoto disclosed 'wherein the events are determined according to said at least one of the similarity and the difference represented by the communication service users, and the events are determined based on the coordinate values indicated on the emotion map' [page 5, col 2, 0078].

29. As to claim 8, Hamamoto teaches a system which including 'a community service providing method, comprising causing one emotion and condition information of communication service users to be input' [fig 1, Abstract, page 2, col 1, 0034, line 1-4, col 2, 0039], Hamamoto specifically teaches communication apparatus allows users to input sound data, image data related to user's feelings or emotions and state of

surrounds based on sound data, facial expressions movement of body, posture and like as detailed in page 2, 0039, fig 3;

determining one of a similarity and difference among the users of the communication service to be represented as coordinate values on the basis of predetermined information' [page 3, col 1, 0044, col 2, 0049], Hamamoto specifically teaches known data related to physical state of surroundings both sending and receiving are stored that corresponds to predetermined information, further Hamamoto also teaches similarity and difference users in relation with physical and emotional data of surrounds as detailed in page 3, col 2, 0049;

'generating events in accordance with the determination result' [page 3, col 2, 0052], Hamamoto specifically suggests generating specified parameters that represent various emotions as detailed in page 3, 0052;

'transmitting said generated events to said communication service users' [fig 1, Abstract, 0052-0053].

30. As to claim 10, Hamamoto teaches 'generating the events comprises a step of generating events specified previously in accordance with an attribute of a group to which the communication service users belong' [page 5, col 1, 0068].

31. As to claim 11, Hamamoto teaches 'generating the events comprises a step of selecting an event notification method in accordance with neighboring environment information measured by a sensor provided in a terminal of each of the communication service users' [fig 3-8, page 5, col 2, 0079].

32. As to claim 12, Hamamoto teaches 'wherein said one of the emotion and condition information is information related to coordinates, which move on the emotion map in accordance with a key input by at least one of the communication service users' [page 3, col 1, 0042, col 2, 0049, fig 9 though 14].

33. As to claim 13, Hamamoto teaches 'wherein said one of the emotion and condition information is text information corresponding to at least one type of event required by at least one of the communication service users' [page 1, col 1, 0002, col 2, 0009].

34. As to claim 14, Hamamoto teaches 'wherein said one of the similarity and difference is determined using one of a proximity degree and a relative distance for coordinate values, which are measured based on the coordinate values represented on an emotion map, corresponding to said one of the input emotion and condition information of the communication service users' [page 5, col 2, 0077-0078, fig 9-14]

***Response to Arguments***

35. Applicant's arguments filed on 1/19/2007 with respect to claims 1-15 have been fully considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

***Conclusion***

***The prior art made of record***

a. US Pub. No. 2002/0105427

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Srirama Channavajjala whose telephone number is 571-272-4108. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM Eastern Time.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Alam, Hosain, T, can be reached on (571) 272-3978. The fax phone numbers for the organization where the application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free)

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